



# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

### TESTIMONY PRESENTED BEFORE THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

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Department of Public Health

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Good morning, I am Deputy Commissioner Norma Gyle of the Department of Public Health. I am here to present information concerning the Department's deficiency in personal services and other expenses for fiscal year 2010. The Office of Policy and Management has recognized insufficiency in funding for our personal services account of \$3 million dollars and in the other expense account of \$1 million dollars.

The Department's current staffing, with the addition of the Office of Healthcare Access personnel, will require approximately \$33,390,000 to meet the fiscal year 2010 payroll needs. Our net Personal Services budget, after holdbacks, is \$30,389,482.

Our other expense needs for laboratory reagent kits, lab and medical supplies, hazardous waste disposal services, equipment rental and maintenance, support material and services for daycare and nursing home inspections, and general agency support is determined to be \$1 million short of our fiscal year needs.

The department has taken multiple steps, within our means, to limit costs across all expenditure categories and to reduce our daily usage of general business materials. While these efforts are providing savings, they will not be sufficient to eliminate the shortfall.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this information. If you have any questions, James O'Connell, the agency's Chief Fiscal Officer, and I are happy to address them.

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